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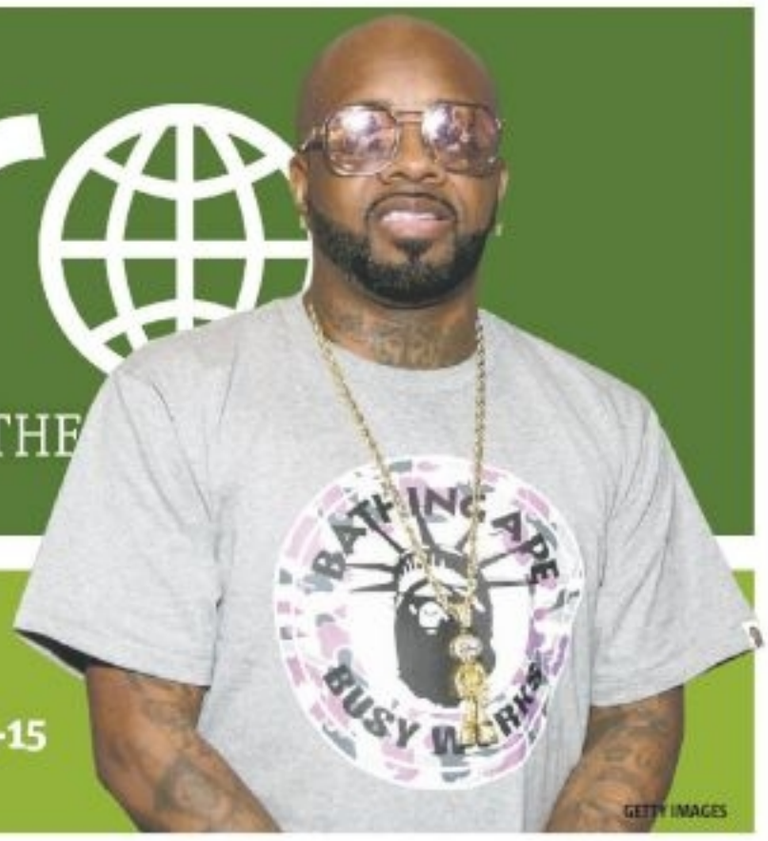

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Immigrants in hiding, but no sign of threatened mass raids from ICE

"If the word gets out, it gets out," the president said.

Immigrant families and their defenders were on standby Sunday for mass deportation arrests across the United States threatened by President Donald Trump, but by early afternoon there were no signs of a nationwide operation.

Trump said on Friday that a wave of arrests of immigrants facing deportation would start over the weekend. The multiday operation was expected to target around 2,000 people in about 10 cities who have been ordered deported by an immigration judge but have yet to leave the country.

But as immigrants stayed inside their homes and lawyers stood by to provide free legal aid, there were no reports of large enforcement operations.

"We are doing targeted enforcement actions against specific individuals who have had their day in immigration court and have been ordered removed by an immigration judge," Acting Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Matt Albence told FOX News when asked for an update.

Mary Bauer at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) said there were no confirmed operations in large cities such as Atlanta and Miami that her civil rights organization monitors.

Nor were there reports of mass arrests from the American Immigration Council, which has lawyers on standby to help people taken to the country's largest family detention center in Dilley, Texas.

"Immigrants and immigrant communities all over the country are in hiding and people are living in these terrified, terrorized ways, because that is the point of this whole action, whether enforcement actions take place or not," said Bauer, the SPLC's deputy legal director.

Mayors of large U.S. cities, nearly all Democrats, have said their law enforcement agencies will not cooperate with ICE on deportations.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said the city had three "confirmed situations involving ICE operations" on Saturday.

"In no case was it reported to us that the agent found the individual they were looking for to make any arrests," he wrote on Twitter, adding that so far there had been no confirmed ICE activity on Sunday.

An ICE spokeswoman declined to comment on operations, citing the safety of the agency's personnel.

Democratic officials and migrant activists have told immigrants they have the right not to open their doors to ICE agents, unless presented with a warrant signed by a judge.

The threatened arrests come after migrant apprehensions hit a 13-year high in May at the southwest border, many of them Central Americans fleeing poverty and gang violence in their home countries. REUTERS

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Rouhani: Iran ready to talk to US if sanctions lifted

2 Iran is ready to hold talks with the United States if Washington lifts sanctions and returns to the 2015 nuclear deal it quit last year, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said in a televised speech on Sunday. President Donald Trump's administration says it is open to negotiations with Iran on a more far-reaching agreement on nuclear and security issues. But Iran has made any talks conditional on first being able to export as much oil as it did before the United States withdrew from the nuclear pact with world powers in May 2018. "We have always believed in talks. ... If they lift sanctions, end the imposed economic pressure and return to the deal, we are ready to hold talks with America today, right now and anywhere," Rouhani said in his Sunday speech. Confrontations have escalated, culminating in a plan for U.S. airstrikes on Iran last month that Trump called off at the last minute. REUTERS

9 Killed as plane crashes during Sweden skydiving trip

3 Nine Swedes were killed when their plane crashed during a skydiving trip near Umea, a small university city in northern Sweden, authorities said on Sunday. The small plane, designed to carry parachutists, crashed on an island on the Ume River shortly after takeoff from Umea airport, police spokesman Peder Jonsson said, adding that those onboard were on a skydiving trip. The police said that all the victims were Swedish, with one person holding dual citizenship. The names of the victims were not disclosed. King Carl XVI Gustaf expressed his sorrow in a statement. "In view of today's tragic air crash outside Umea, which took nine people's lives, I want to convey my condolences. My family and I send our thoughts to their families and relatives," Gustaf said on Facebook. REUTERS

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President Trump delivers speech during visit at Derco Aerospace in Milwaukee. REUTERS

Trump tells freshman Dems to 'go back' and 'fix' their countries

The president appeared to be referring the new "squad" of Democrats.

President Donald Trump on Sunday told a group of mostly American-born Democratic congresswomen to "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came," a comment that was condemned by Democrats as racist.

"So interesting to see 'Progressive' Democrat Congresswomen, who originally came from countries whose governments are a complete and total catastrophe ... viciously telling the people of the United States ... how our government is to be run," Trump said in a series of three comments on Twitter.

While he did not mention names, Trump appeared to be referring to first-year Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts, and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan — a group known as "the squad" that has been very critical of Trump and also of the current Democratic leadership of the House.

Only Omar, whose family left Somalia as refugees and arrived in Minneapolis in 1997, was born outside the United States.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat, has feuded with the group in an increasingly bitter intra-party fight, but came to their defense Sunday along with other Democratic colleagues. She called Trump's comments "xenophobic."

"When @realDonaldTrump tells four American Congresswomen to go back to their countries, he reaffirms his plan to 'Make America Great Again' has always been about making America white again," she said on Twitter.

"Do I fit into the president's category?" U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said on CBS' "Face the Nation," mentioning his family's Lithuanian heritage.

"Thank goodness," he said of Omar's journey from refugee to one of only two Muslim women elected to Congress, along with Tlaib, a native of Detroit. "That is what America holds as a dream. The president should not diminish it." REUTERS

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. GETTY IMAGE

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Presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren spoke in Philadelphia over the weekend. REUTERS

2020 Dems seek embracing of ideals, not Trump voters

"The progressive agenda is the American agenda," Elizabeth Warren told Philadelphia supporters.

Democratic presidential hopeful Elizabeth Warren told a room full of liberal activists on Saturday that the party needs to fully embrace polices such as higher taxes on the wealthy, wiping out student loan debt and criminal justice reform if they want to win the White House.

The 70-year-old U.S. senator from Massachusetts said these ideas are not only supported by the activists gathered at the Netroots Nation conference in Philadelphia, the largest annual gathering of progressives in the United States, but by large majorities of the American public.

"The progressive agenda is the American agenda," she said.

Three other Democratic candidates — former U.S. Housing Secretary Julian Castro of Texas, U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, and Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee — made similar calls for the party to embrace the progressive agenda. But it was Warren who drew the largest applause.

More than two dozen Democrats are vying to take on Republican President Donald Trump in the November 2020 election. This year, a record 3,700 people registered for Netroots Nation, organizers said, underscoring progressive enthusiasm on the eve of an election year. The conference underscored the tension between the party's progressive base and its less vocal centrist wing — and the push from the left to have candidates choose sides.

Conference attendees said Democrats need to stop trying to peel off Trump voters by moving to the center, calling it "fool's gold." Instead, they need to focus on energizing its progressive base and attracting new voters.

"For any centrist to succeed, they will need to animate the people here to win. I don't think the motivation to just beat Trump will be enough," said Greg Robinson, 35, who works at the progressive group Living Liberally.

Inslee, 68, who has made combating climate change the centerpiece of his campaign, said the only way to implement a progressive agenda is to do away with the rule that allows one U.S. senator to block bills.

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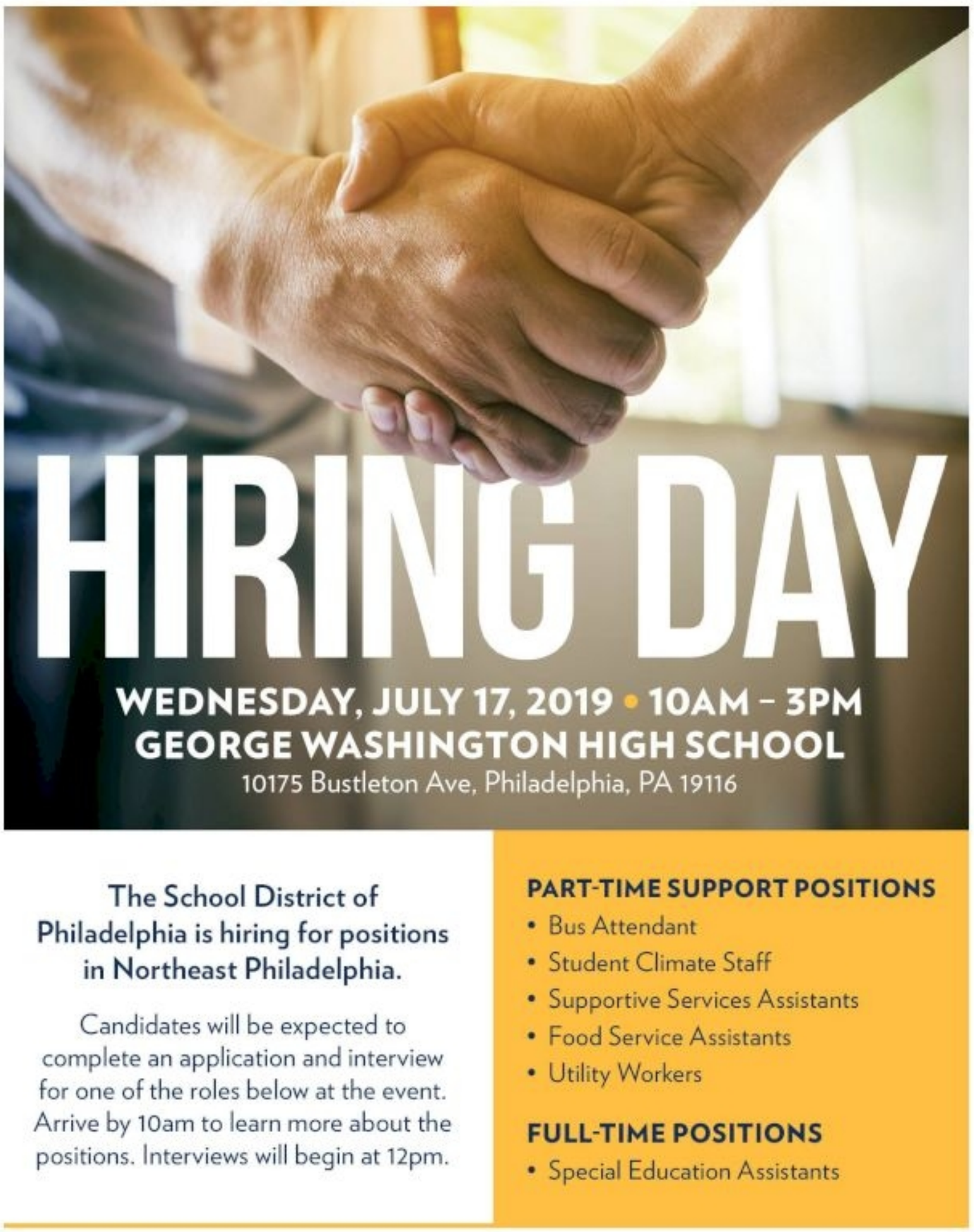
> **Greg Robinson**

"We have to do away with the filibuster," Inslee said.

Castro, 44, offered several ways to combat income inequality, such as housing vouchers and enforcing the Fair Housing Act. He also said that companies such as Amazon unfairly pay little or no taxes and sometimes even get rebates.

"We need a tax code that rewards people who work for a living," Castro said. REUTERS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People evacuated from a Carnegie Hall concert during a blackout due to widespread power outages. REUTERS

While NYC went dark, Broadway stars took the show outside

Several shows, including "Hadestown," performed outside during Saturday's blackout.

When a massive blackout plunged much of Manhattan into darkness on Saturday evening, a choir and the casts of Broadway musicals entertained tourists with impromptu performances in the street.

The outages struck at about 7 p.m., just as many shows were starting at theaters in Midtown and at the Lincoln Center plaza on New York City's Upper West Side.

With subway stations and traffic lights suddenly dark, thousands of people spilled outside on a hot summer's night. Some were surprised by what they found, including writer Briallen Hopper, who had been trapped on a subway train for an hour.

"I guess this is what they call a 'New York moment,'" she wrote on Twitter, with a video of a choir singing at sunset. "I emerged to see dark restaurants & traffic lights, civilians directing traffic, & an evacuated Carnegie Hall concert happening in the street."

Another Twitter user, Caryn Ross, agreed, posting video of the street concert by the Millennial Choirs and Orchestras with the hashtag #BeautifulSoundsDuringBlackout: "Now this is what turning lemons into lemonade is about!" she wrote.

Also unexpected were scenes of multiple civilians who stepped into always-busy intersections to help direct traffic snarled by the lack of traffic lights.

One middle-aged man in shorts and a red tank top managed the flow of vehicles at one junction for at least 45 minutes, drawing plaudits on social media.

In a photo on Twitter taken after darkness fell, one civilian was seen directing traffic in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood with a toy light saber.

At Madison Square Garden, the blackout put a sudden stop to a Jennifer Lopez concert, plunging the arena into darkness.

"I am obviously heartbroken and devastated," Bronx native Lopez said in a video clip she sent in a Twitter post for her fans. "I love you. I am so sorry this happened in the middle of our moment, at our show."

Lopez later rescheduled the show for Monday.

> **"I guess this is what they call a 'New York moment.'"**
> Briallen Hopper, writer

All Broadway theaters were closed due to the blackout except for the Winter Garden Theater, Nederlander Theater and Lyceum Theatre, authorities said.

But among those who entertained theatergoers with off-the-cuff performances nonetheless were the casts of the musicals "Waitress," "Hadestown," "Come From Away" and "Rock of Ages."

One Twitter user named Antony posted video of the cast of "Hamilton: An American Musical" singing from theater windows to the crowds in the street below.

"It was awesome!" he wrote. REUTERS

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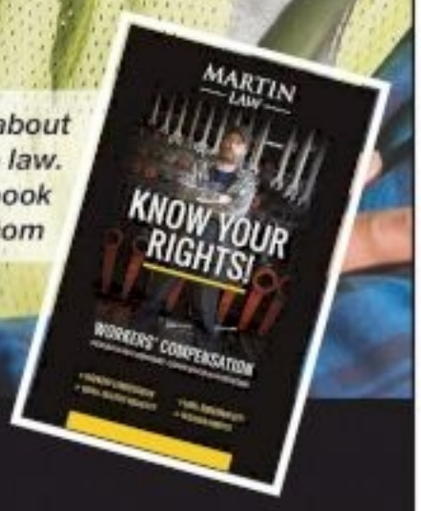

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Barry moves inland from New Orleans, leaves rain and flooding in its wake

People wade through a flooded street after Hurricane Barry in Mandeville. REUTERS IMAGES

Tropical Storm Barry trudged through northwestern Louisiana on Sunday, dropping up to 15 inches of rain in some places to create life-threatening flood conditions along the Mississippi River.

Barry, which made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane on Saturday then quickly weakened to a tropical storm, was 15 miles east-southeast of Shreveport with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph early Sunday afternoon.

Fears that Barry might devastate the low-lying city of New Orleans like Hurricane Katrina did in 2005 were unfounded, but rain in the forecast could still cause life-threatening flooding until Monday, the National Weather Service said.

New Orleans saw light rain on Sunday morning, and churches and several businesses were open, including some on Tchoupitoulas Street along the flooded Mississippi River. Streets in the city's popular Garden District were quieter than usual but some joggers and dog-walkers ventured out, according to a Reuters witness.

Sixty-five miles southeast of New Orleans in Plaquemines Parish, part of which lies below sea level, residents received mandatory evacuation orders ahead of Barry's impact.

Emmett Sylve, 74, said the storm had destroyed his trailer home off of Highway 23 after four feet of water poured in "like Niagara Falls."

Sylve's cousin Elliott, 75, said he hoped the Federal Emergency Management Agency would help provide new housing for Emmett.

"We're all elderly people here, this is our property and we don't have anywhere to go," Elliot said. "We don't have the resources to stay in a motel for seven or eight days."

Up to 15 inches of rain were expected in some parts of south-central Louisiana on Sunday, the Weather Service said.

The rain was expected to raise the already-flooded Mississippi River but not overtop the levees.

The National Weather Service said tornadoes were possible on Sunday across portions of southeastern Louisiana, Mississippi, western Alabama, eastern Arkansas and western Tennessee.

The Mississippi River crested on Friday night in New Orleans at just under 17 feet, the National Weather Service said, much lower than a prediction earlier this week of 20 feet, near the height of the city's levees.

Barry has shut in 73 percent, or 1.38 million barrels per day (bpd), of crude oil production in the U.S.-regulated areas of the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) said on Sunday, an increase of 3 percent from Saturday.

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‘Spider-Man’ crushes ‘Crawl,’ ‘Stuber’ at box office

The superhero flick has now grossed $274 million.

Sony’s “Spider-Man: Far From Home” claimed victory again during its second weekend in theaters, dominating over new releases, Paramount’s gator thriller “Crawl” and Disney’s R-rated comedy “Stuber.”

The superhero tentpole collected another $45 million, boosting domestic grosses to $274 million. This weekend’s haul represents a 50 percent decline in ticket sales from its inaugural outing, a stronger hold compared to its predecessor, 2017’s “Spider-Man: Homecoming.”

The 23rd adventure in the Marvel Cinematic Universe has crossed the $800 million mark worldwide, with box office receipts at $847 million. It’s now the biggest “Spider-Man” film internationally with $572 million.

“Crawl” secured the best start among fresh offerings, but neither newcomer managed to pack theaters. Paramount’s disaster thriller landed in third place, biting into $12 million when it debuted in 3,170 theaters. The studio shelled out $13.5 million in production fees. Directed by Alexandre Aja, “Crawl” follows a father and daughter (Barry Pepper and Kaya Scodelario) who are forced to escape a pack of hungry alligators after a massive hurricane hits their Florida town. A majority of ticket buyers were between the ages of 18 and 44. Overseas, “Crawl” pulled in $4.8 million from 20 international markets for a global start of $16.8 million.

Falling not far behind was “Stuber,” Disney’s first R-rated release since inheriting Fox’s film assets. The buddy comedy pulled in $8 million from 3,050 venues, on par with expectations but a lackluster start for a film that cost $16 million to produce. In “Stuber,” Kumail Nanjiani plays an Uber driver who unwittingly becomes part of his passenger’s (Dave Bautista) arrest operation. Males accounted for 56 percent of opening weekend crowds, while 65 percent of audiences were over the age of 25.

A number of holdovers filled out domestic box office charts. In sec-

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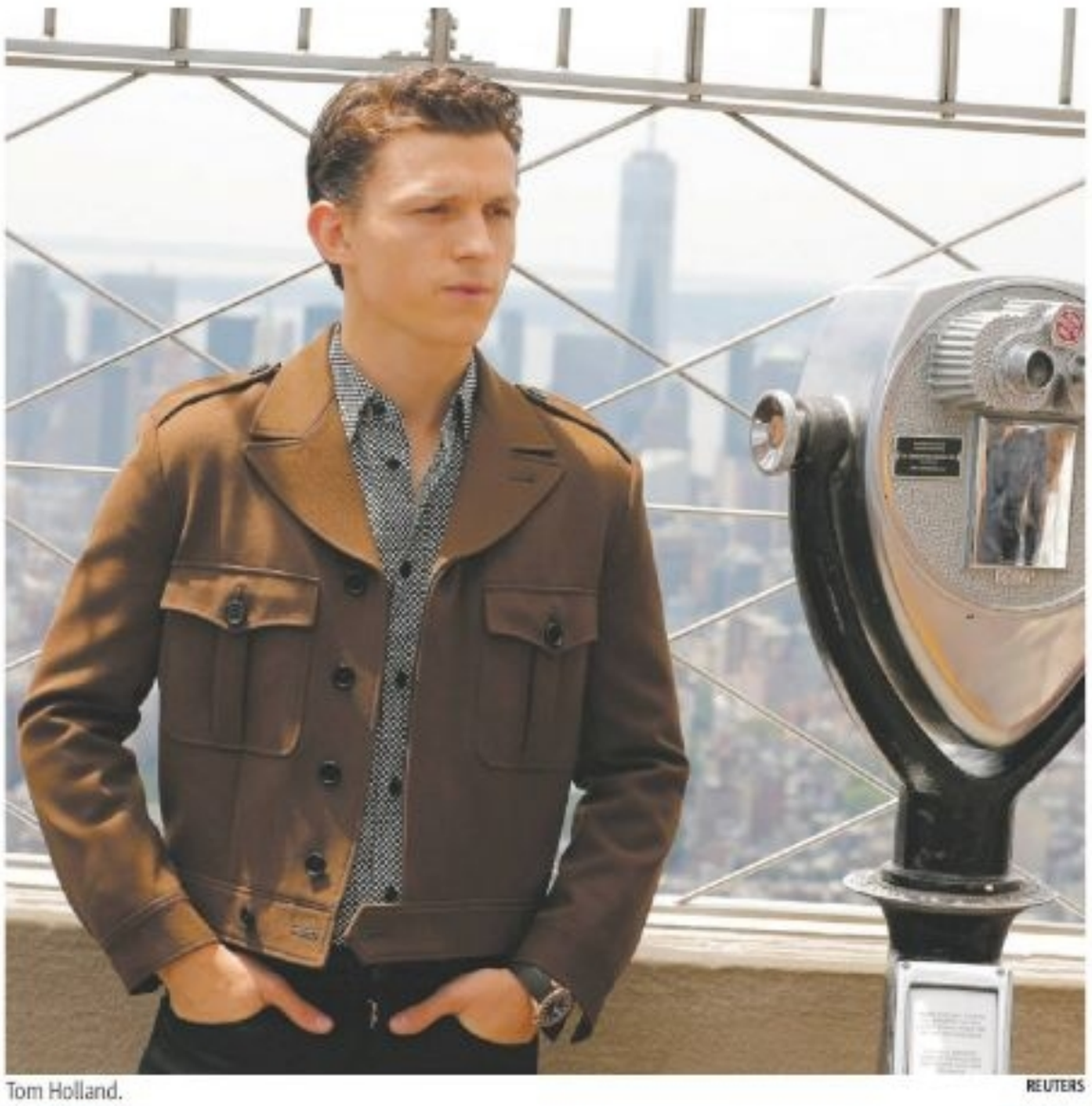

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ond place, Disney's "Toy Story 4" stayed strong, generating another $20 million during its fourth weekend in theaters for a North America tally of $346 million. Rounding out the top five was Universal's Beatles musical "Yesterday." Directed by Danny Boyle, the romantic comedy made $6.7 million in its third outing, bringing its domestic total to $48 million. REUTERS

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— Sergio, *Metro New York reader*

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LIFESTYLE

'Expect to be transported to another world'

"Amaluna" hits the stage at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center on July 24.

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"Amaluna" comes to the Philadelphia area this month. GETTY

When most audiences think of Cirque du Soleil, they probably imagine high-flying tricks, death-defying stunts and plenty of gasp-worthy maneuvers. With Cirque's latest show, "Amaluna," you will certainly get all of that, but you'll also get an incredibly inspiring story that showcases women empowerment, unity and love. Sebastian Zaniesienko, who stars in the show and performs on the incredibly entertaining teeterboard, sat down with Metro to give us the scoop on what to expect from the show.

How did you get started with acrobatics?
I was born in Poland and I started gymnastics there. When I was 18, I quit gymnastics and got into the film industry. I worked in the industry for about three years but then I got the call from Cirque to learn how to do the teeterboard, which is what I do right now. So I went to Montreal, learned it, got a contract and here I am today. ["Amaluna"] is my first show with Cirque du Soleil.

What was the training like for the show, and what specific stunts do you perform in "Amaluna"?
The training was amazing. They send you to Montreal to their headquarters and I was there for almost four months just getting to know the teeterboard and how it works and everything. We would have two trainings a day, then we would have to work out in between the trainings and we had performing classes. I've never been onstage before so I had to learn how to perform when up there. In a way, it was quite exhausting, because there was a lot of training involved and a few injuries as well, but just small ones. But then, when they hand you the contract, that's it. I mainly do the teeterboard, which is like an extreme seesaw. Basically, I just take off and do as many flips as I can and hope that I land back on it.

What can you tell me about the story behind "Amaluna"?
It's a love story, a classic love story. It's based on "The Tempest" by Shakespeare, on the island of Amaluna. There's Prospera, who is the queen of the island, and her daughter Miranda. And then there's my character and two other boys who all get shipwrecked on the island. Eventually, Romeo and Miranda fall in love, and it's just a classic love story from there. There's a lot of passion, a lot of danger and eventually, they can live happily ever after.

What would you say makes "Amaluna" different from some of Cirque's other shows?
I think the main thing that makes it different from other shows is the fact that it has a very obvious story line. With other shows, they are very fun to watch but sometimes the audience doesn't know what the story line is. It's so deep and different — with this show you really do see a story and so many people can relate to it. The fact that the characters in the show are human, too, rather than being different creatures — it's just very modern. Especially right now with the whole women empowerment movement, it fits so well in today's world because the show is about women's strength and unity. It's so beautiful yet so powerful at the same time.

What would you tell audiences to expect from the show?
Expect to be transported to another world, because as soon as you step into the tent you feel that way. It really does make you feel like you're somewhere else.

"Amaluna" will be at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (100 Station Ave., Oaks) from July 24 to Aug. 25. For more information and tickets, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

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Jermaine Dupri looks back on 25 years of So So Def Recordings

We spoke with the music mogul ahead of his new documentary, "Power, Influence and Hip-Hop," on WE TV.

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If you are of a certain age, the music that producer and rapper Jermaine Dupri has created probably soundtracked your childhood in one way or another. At least that's what I told him when I got the chance to speak with him over the phone.

From the '90s through the early 2000s, it was just unavoidable. Dupri first hit it big producing hits for the likes of Kriss Kross. He then used his success to start his wildly successful label, So So Def Recordings. The label has had an incredible roster as well as managed artists over the years, like Usher, Mariah Carey and TLC, who have consistently dominated the charts. Last year, the Atlanta native was the second hip-hop artist to be inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame (the first being Jay-Z). Given this huge achievement, Dupri teamed up with WE TV to film a documentary leading up to his induction, but then quickly decided that it would be better to take a look through his entire career and 25 years of the So So Def record label. The resulting hour-long film, "Power, Influence and Hip-Hop: The Incredible Rise of So So Def Recordings," premieres this Thursday, July 18, at 10 p.m., and features a who's who in the world of hip-hop and R&B.

In the new documentary, you say that you made your first beats on a drum machine that you bought on layaway. That's such a good example of the do-or-die drive that you had to make things happen since there was such a time limit. Now, you are celebrating 25 years of the label you started, So So Def Recordings. It must be crazy seeing how hard you worked to get here.

Well, the creation of it — you don't actually get the opportunity to see it the way it is once it's made. They'd be calling asking for pictures and I was annoyed! Some of this stuff, I think that people had already seen it! That's the one thing that I had to remove myself from is the fact that — and a lot of my artists have to remove themselves from as well — a lot of this information that we all feel everyone is privy to knowing, they don't know this information. It's interesting. Angie Martinez is a person that calls herself "The Voice of New York." I would have thought she knew my whole story. I did an interview with her and she was like, "I didn't know that Kriss Kross weren't rappers!" There's so much stuff that's in there that people didn't know. That's the part where I have to start stepping back from and allowing the doc to do what it's gotta do. It made me realize that some of my life I might have hindered myself by just taking for granted that people already knew it as

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opposed to making sure that this stuff was more concrete and in people's faces.

You are owed a lot of credit for putting Atlanta and Southern rap and R&B on the map. Is it humbling to see Atlanta as being one of the cultural meccas of the world now?
Yeah, but it's a lonely happiness. I remember a time when Atlanta had nothing. I remember a time when the BET Awards were talking about coming to Atlanta and I was lobbying for them to come to Atlanta. Once they got to Atlanta and the BET Awards came and left, it didn't seem like I was the person saying it. It seemed like it was a million other people saying it. So it's a very lonely happiness to see all of this stuff going on, because a lot of people act like they don't remember me being the only person championing this stuff.

In the documentary, you talk about how Atlanta was like Switzerland between the East Coast–West Coast beef of the '90s. What was going through your mind during that time? Why did you try to broker peace between the coasts?
Honestly, I wasn't paying attention to it! You know what I mean? That's really how the nature of Atlanta is. That's the nature of how I've moved through this industry for so many years. I never got caught up in it and I actually didn't think that the beef was that serious. But I made a record with Freeway and Jadakiss called "Hate in Your Blood." I wanted Freeway to do the hook and I wanted Jada to put a verse on the song. At the time when I did the song and had both of them come to Atlanta, at separate times, they was beefing with each other! I was aware of it, but I wasn't paying any attention to it. I was so focused on getting the song done that I wasn't even thinking, "These guys might not even want to do this because they're beefing." When I'm into my music, I'm not even thinking about, what's the public thing that's going on?

You don't focus on the spectacle, you focus on making the music.
Yeah, and that's the thing with the whole Bad Boy–Death Row thing. I wasn't caught up in it at all. Snoop is my homeboy, Puff is my homeboy, Biggie was my homeboy. I'm friends with all of these guys. Suge [Knight] as well! It was looked at as the neutral ground, but it was just the fact that I was friends with them. I never understood how their beef should change my friendship with them. I wasn't trying to take sides. I was friends with these people for one reason, and friends with these people for another reason.

In the documentary, you talk about some of the artists that you owe your career to, like Kriss Kross, Da Brat, Mariah Carey and countless others. Are there any specific songs or albums that you look at as being So So Def's biggest achievements?
No, not really. I don't think so. The majority of my records and the majority of my career has been

questioned and a question mark to others [as to whether] it's going to work or not, and a lack of belief. Me seeing that prior to a lot of my music coming out, I never really feel like it's going to work. I'm always going into it thinking, "Man, I hope this works out." Because people are always looking at me and acting like this ain't goin' to pop.

You and Jay-Z are the only two hip-hop artists inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. While this is an incredible honor, shouldn't there be more rappers inducted?
Nah. The reason why hip-hop hasn't been inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame is because there are not really a lot of artists out there who have had 20-plus-year careers. You had to have been writing records for 20-plus years, that's one of the formalities for you to get into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Hip-hop is like fast food: You get it, you love it, and it's gone. It hasn't been something that people can do and continue to keep doing, you know?

You say at the end of the doc that you are going to make the biggest album of all time within the next 25 years. Are you working on that album right now?
Always! I say that because every time somebody interviews me or talks to me — just like you, you started this conversation by saying, "It's not every day you speak to someone that shaped your childhood." I didn't know I was shaping your childhood! You know what I'm saying? I don't know what record it's going to be. I don't know who the artist is that's going to make this album or this music that I'm talking about. But I do feel like if I shaped your childhood, if I made two of the biggest R&B records of our time with "The Emancipation of Mimi" [Mariah Carey] and "Confessions" [Usher] — if I have done those things, then I definitely feel I have the know-how and energy to create one of the biggest albums that music has ever seen.

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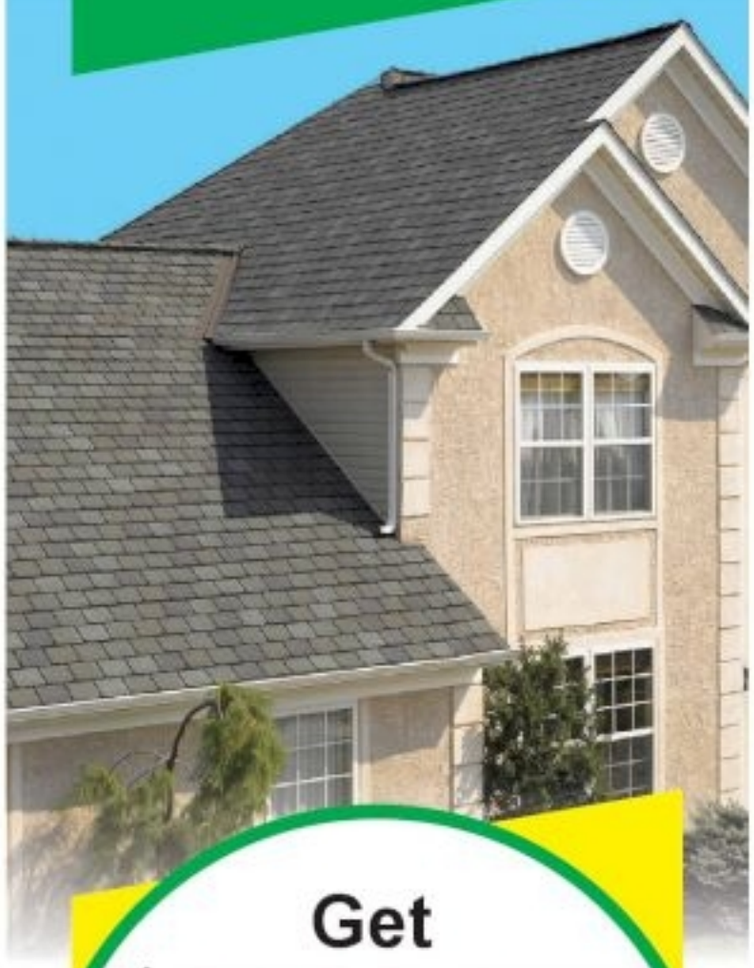

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Looking for some fun and unique things to do in Philly this week? We've got you covered. Here are four fun things to do in Philly this week.

Head to MilkBoy this week for the exciting finale of their HomeGrown Open Mic Series. PUNCH MEDIA

HomeGrown Open Mic Series at MilkBoy

The Chestnut Street hot spot is closing down their first HomeGrown Open Mic Series with an exciting showdown between the four finalists who are all competing for a recording contract from MilkBoy the Studio, a publishing deal and exclusive on-air radio time. Philadelphians are invited to come out and celebrate the talented competitors and also enjoy $5 draft beer specials all night long during this exciting competition. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite.com for $5 (or $10 at the door). Who will be crowned the winner? Head to MilkBoy on Tuesday night to find out.

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July 17, 6-8 p.m., The Bourse, 111 S. Independence Mall E., $35, thebourse.ticketleap.com

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4 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HUMANITY'S FUTURE SPACE GOALS

July 20 marks 50 years since Neil Armstrong, commander of the Apollo 11 moon landing mission, said, "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind," while making first steps onto the Earth's permanent natural satellite. Half a century since the historic moment, we still seek to go deeper into space with new goals and challenges. To learn more, Metro chatted with Michelle Hanlon, co-founder of nonprofit organization For All Moonkind — which seeks to protect each of the six human lunar landing sites in outer space as part of common human heritage — and professor of space law at the University of Mississippi School of Law. **MIGUEL VELAZQUEZ, MWN**

1 What did we learn from the Apollo mission?

"Fifty years ago, two humans stepped off an Eagle into history. The enormity of this feat cannot be overstated. It was a direct product of the perseverance of more than 400,000 individuals who personally contributed to the development of the mission, working on the shoulders of centuries of science and engineering from all corners of the world. It is an accomplishment that truly reflects the unbounded imagination, remarkable ingenuity and relentless spirit of humanity."

2 Moon landings marked a whole generation. What next astronomical event could do the same?

"Ironically, it is humanity's return to the moon that will mark the next generation. For two, hopefully three reasons. First, humanity's return is being engineered not just by nations, but by private enterprises as well. We will have more avenues to the moon than ever before. Second, humanity will be going there to stay. A permanent human presence on the moon is a vital and foundational step in expansion into space. The moon is our testing ground. It is close enough to make mistakes that don't have to be fatal. And we have much to learn. And finally, hopefully, our return will be an international collaborative effort. We have much work to do to promote the unity of humanity, but hopefully the expanse and wonder of the heavens, as well as a universal embrace of our history in space, will help us relate to each other with the bonds of cultural kinship that defines our human existence."

3 What are the most important space projects now?

"Tough question to answer. There are so many incredible, innovative and inspiring events and missions that occur in space. We have had a continuous human presence on orbit for nearly two decades — greatly increasing our understanding of our Earth, of space, and Earth's place in space. We have multiple remote sensing satellites providing immeasurable troves of data about our climate, animal movement, our soil, our water and even our human movement, allowing us to predict hurricanes, plant crops more wisely, find precious water sources and even fight human trafficking. We've launched a telescope that is providing awe-inspiring images of stars and galaxies billions of miles away. And we've got mesmerizing pictures from the Martian surface. And the list goes on!

That said, I would highlight the Apollo 11 lunar landing as the most important. We landed humans on the moon at a time that we really didn't have the capability to do so — as evidenced by the fact that it has taken us so long to return. It captured the attention of the entire world and included messages of peace from the representatives of more than 70 nations. When we talk about a 'moon shot,' we talk about doing the impossible."

4 Is the future of space exploration totally dependent on robots?

"Absolutely not. Robots have always and will certainly continue to play a vital role in space exploration. Automation eases the burden of labor, and artificial intelligence can calculate, test and experiment far more swiftly and accurately than the human brain. However, we cannot forget that humans are an exploratory, migratory species. It is in our DNA to explore. Our goal is not to abandon Earth, but expand our presence in the cosmos."

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Super Bowl winning odds have already been posted at **MetroBet.us/Sugar,** with the Eagles owning +1200 odds to win the whole shebang.

There are also a boatload of more specific futures bets for the 2019 NFL season, including odds on which team will win each individual conference.

It's difficult to bet on a single game that's seven months away, and now more than ever the Super Bowl is proving to be something of a crapshoot. A better bet right now would be to take advantage of conference betting odds.

The NFC dominated the 1980s and 1990s, winning 15 of the 20 Super Bowls played during that time. The AFC took control in the 2000s, winning seven of the 10 Super Bowls played.

This decade has been different, as the NFL's dream of not only week-to-week parity but also overall conference parity has finally taken place as the conferences have gone 5-5 against one another in the big game.

Looking at the NFC odds for the 2019 season, the Eagles have the third-best odds to win the conference at +500. Here is a list of the top 12 at **MetroBet.us/Sugar:**

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NY Giants +3300

Last season was chalk in the NFC as the Rams entered the season as one of the co-favorites to win the conference, and L.A. ultimately pulled it off.

But a preseason favorite winning the NFC has largely been an outlier.

The Eagles were +1600 to win the conference two years ago, and the Falcons were +2200 the year prior. The Panthers were also long shots in 2015.

So a good idea here at **MetroBet.us/Sugar** is to hedge with a long-shot team and a favorite, like the Eagles.

The 49ers have been selecting players near the top of the draft since 2014 and are poised to finally break through this season. If Jimmy Garoppolo can stay healthy (a huge "if"), I like San Francisco to make a run.

The play: $10 on Eagles at +500, $10 on 49ers at +1800

TWEET OF THE DAY

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I've always said Vegas doesn't know how to handicap Chinese basketball. This was free money.

Best Bets

Phillies vs. Dodgers game pick

Citizens Bank Park should yield another high-scoring game on Monday as the Dodgers visit the Phillies.

Clayton Kershaw (7-2, 3.09 ERA) takes the hill for L.A., and while that usually inspires confidence, the Dodgers are just 2-4 behind him in his last six starts. Kershaw's ERA in that span is a modest (by his standards) 3.27. In six outings on the road this season, Kershaw is 1-2 with a 3.99 ERA. He's given up six home runs in 38 1/3 innings of work in away games, which contrasts sharply with his seven home runs allowed in 60 2/3 innings pitched at home. Hot-hitting left fielder Jay Bruce, who has taken Kershaw deep three times in 23 prior at-bats, could be a difference-maker.

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Zach Eflin (7-8, 3.78 ERA) counters for Philadelphia, and his team has won in just two of his last nine starts. His ERA in those efforts is an inflated 5.14. In two starts against L.A. last year, Eflin allowed eight earned runs in just 6 2/3 combined innings and gave up five home runs, including two to infielder Max Muncy in only five at-bats.

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SPORTS

Trouble brewing for Phillies after second-half opening dud vs. Nats

Powerhouse Dodgers await Phillies after series loss to the Nationals.

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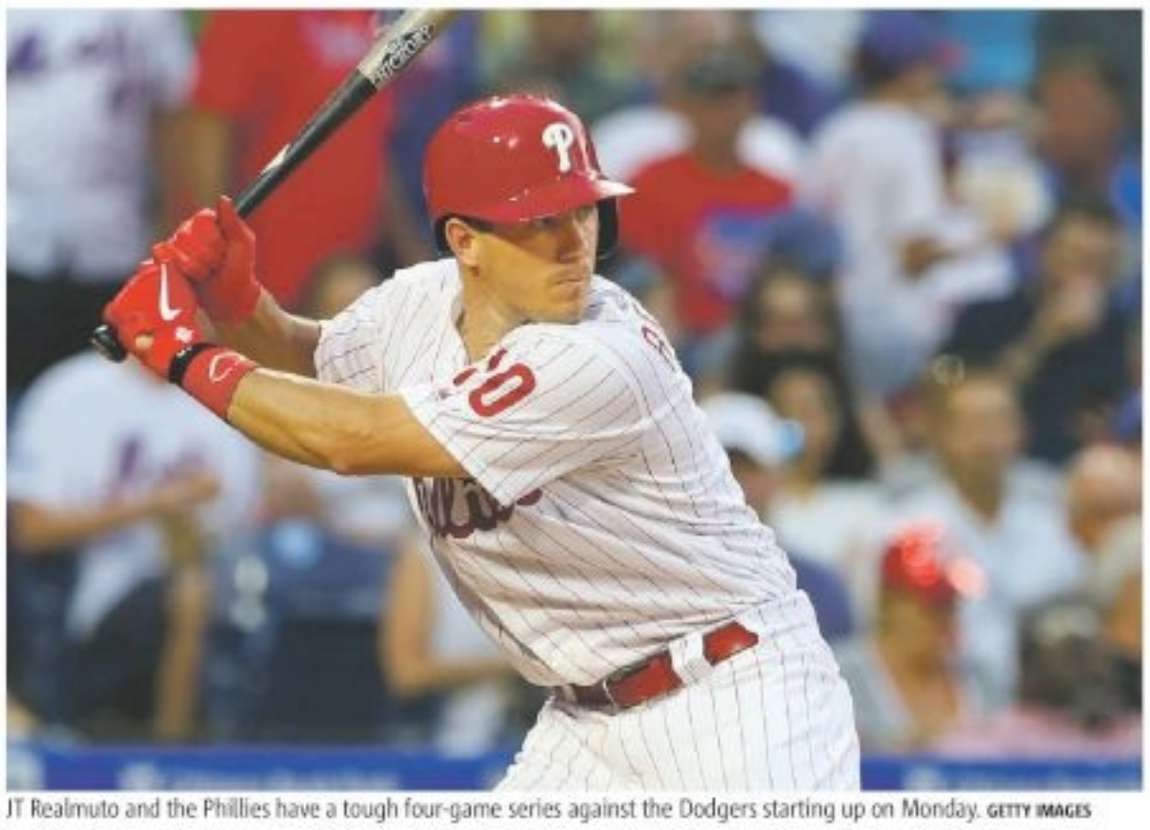


JT Realmuto and the Phillies have a tough four-game series against the Dodgers starting up on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

If the Philadelphia Phillies haven't hit the panic button yet, they're probably awfully close to doing so now.

The All-Star break did little to slow down the avalanche that has been the organization's fate since June 1 as they were welcomed back with a series loss to the Washington Nationals.

Philadelphia's NL East rival has been red-hot since May 24, compiling a 30-11 record to catapult back into divisional contention behind the Atlanta Braves.

In the meantime, the Phillies went 14-21 in their last 35 before Sunday afternoon's affair, plummeting from first to third in the division.

Nothing has been able to click as of late, especially at the same time.

The Phillies were held to three runs in their first two games back from the break against the Nationals after averaging around 6.3 runs per game in the final 13 outings of the first half.

It's the pitching, though, that has been the team's most pressing issue of the season. Inconsistent starts and bullpen meltdowns have sabotaged any sort of consistent progress.

Not a single Phillies pitcher that has started at least 10 games this season has an ERA lower than 3.63, while the bullpen's mark of 4.74 ranks 20th in the majors.

To stop the bleeding of a 7-14 stretch in their last 21, the Phillies turned to injured starter Jake Arrieta, who attempted to piece together a quality start despite battling a bone spur in his right elbow.

The long-term viability of Arrieta this season will continue to fall into question as season-ending surgery will continue to be an option.

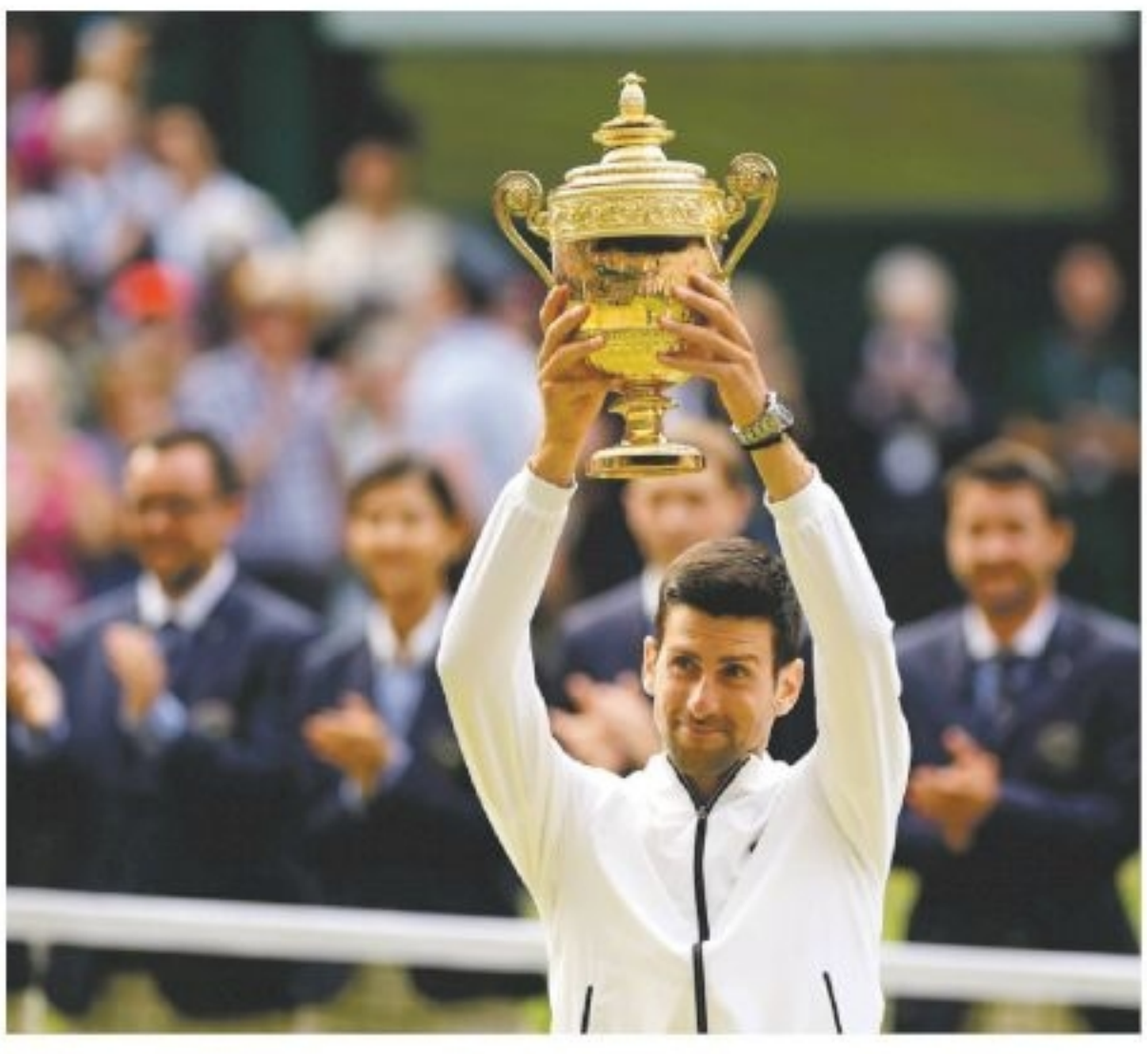
During Sunday's game against the Nationals, there was a noticeable decrease in his velocity throughout the afternoon as his sinker dropped between 2 and 3 mph after the second inning.

Things are only going to get tougher for the Phillies as they host the NL-best Los Angeles Dodgers for a four-game set starting tonight.

Zack Eflin will try to get back on track in the series opener after a miserable ending to his first half. After garnering initial All-Star consideration, the righty has gone 1-1 with a 9.64 ERA in his last three starts, allowing 15 earned runs in 14 innings of work.

The Phillies were easily handled by the Dodgers from May 31 to June 2 as they were swept in a three-game series. Los Angeles outscored Philadelphia, 18-6, in those games at Dodger Stadium.

Djokovic outlasts Federer in Wimbledon thriller



Novak Djokovic won his 16th career major on Sunday in dramatic fashion at Wimbledon, defeating Roger Federer in a five-set thriller, 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, 4-6, 13-12. The marathon fifth set was the first-ever tiebreaker at a Grand Slam final. The Serbian came dangerously close to coming up short during that fifth set, becoming the first player in 71 years to overcome two championship points to come back and win the final. PHOTO COURTESY OF GETTY IMAGES

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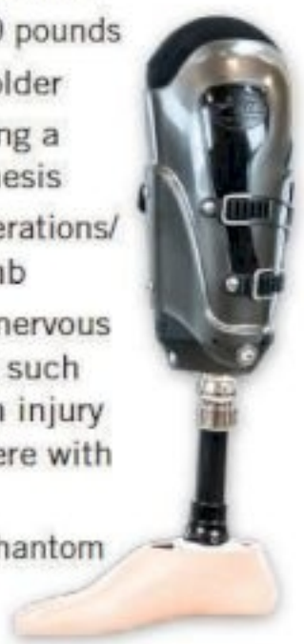

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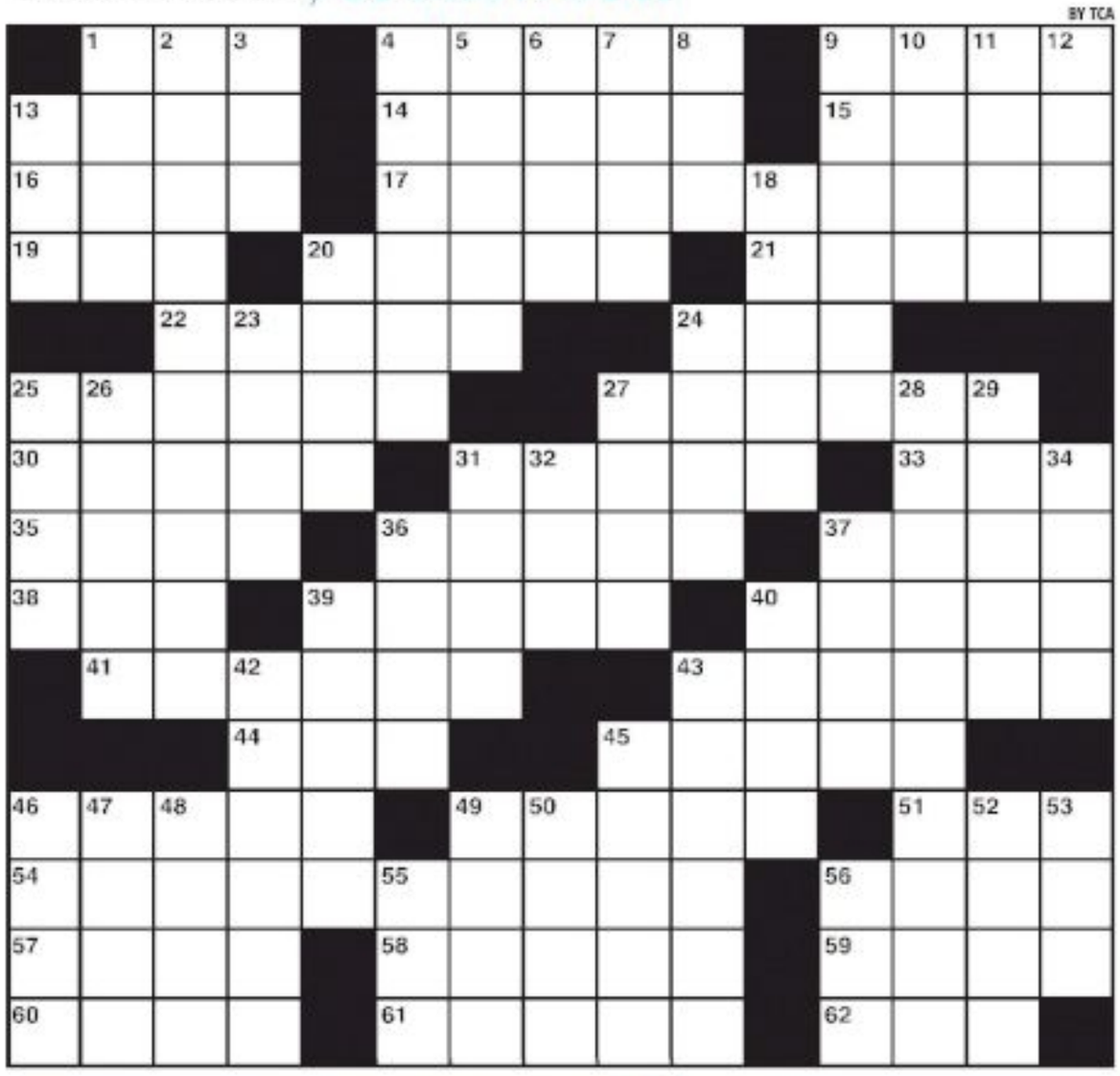

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19 ABC followers
20 Prison rooms
21 Assemble
22 Baking chambers
24 Faux __; social blunder
25 Father or mother
27 Clap cuffs on
30 Fess up
31 Repairs
33 Helmet or fedora
35 Beach toy
36 Cash
37 Part of the ear
38 Just right
39 Hamill & Harmon
40 Sugar __; NY's state tree
41 Despot
43 Prepared for a trip
44 Highest card
45 Check recipient
46 Dwelling
49 Refrain syllables
51 High school subj.
54 Draw new zoning lines
56 On top of
57 Scoundrels
58 Refueling ship
59 Indiana city
60 "Be quiet!"
61 Like old poorly-wrapped cheese
62 Location of the humerus

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1 __ up; quit
2 Sameness
3 TV's "Chicago __"
4 Part of AWOL
5 Tests given before a panel
6 "__ Out the Barrel"
7 Scot toppers
8 Needless fuss
9 Reluctant
10 Irritate
11 Soother
12 Thin board
13 Barack, to Malia
18 Draws closer
20 Lincoln's coin
23 Bridal accessory
24 Hunted animal
25 One of the Three Bears
26 Change to make fit
27 Sharp tools
28 Store owner
29 Piece of furniture
31 __ Worth, TX
32 Writing fluid
34 __ off; annoyed
36 Lion's neck hair
37 Fancy fabric
39 Police sprays
40 Angelou or Rudolph
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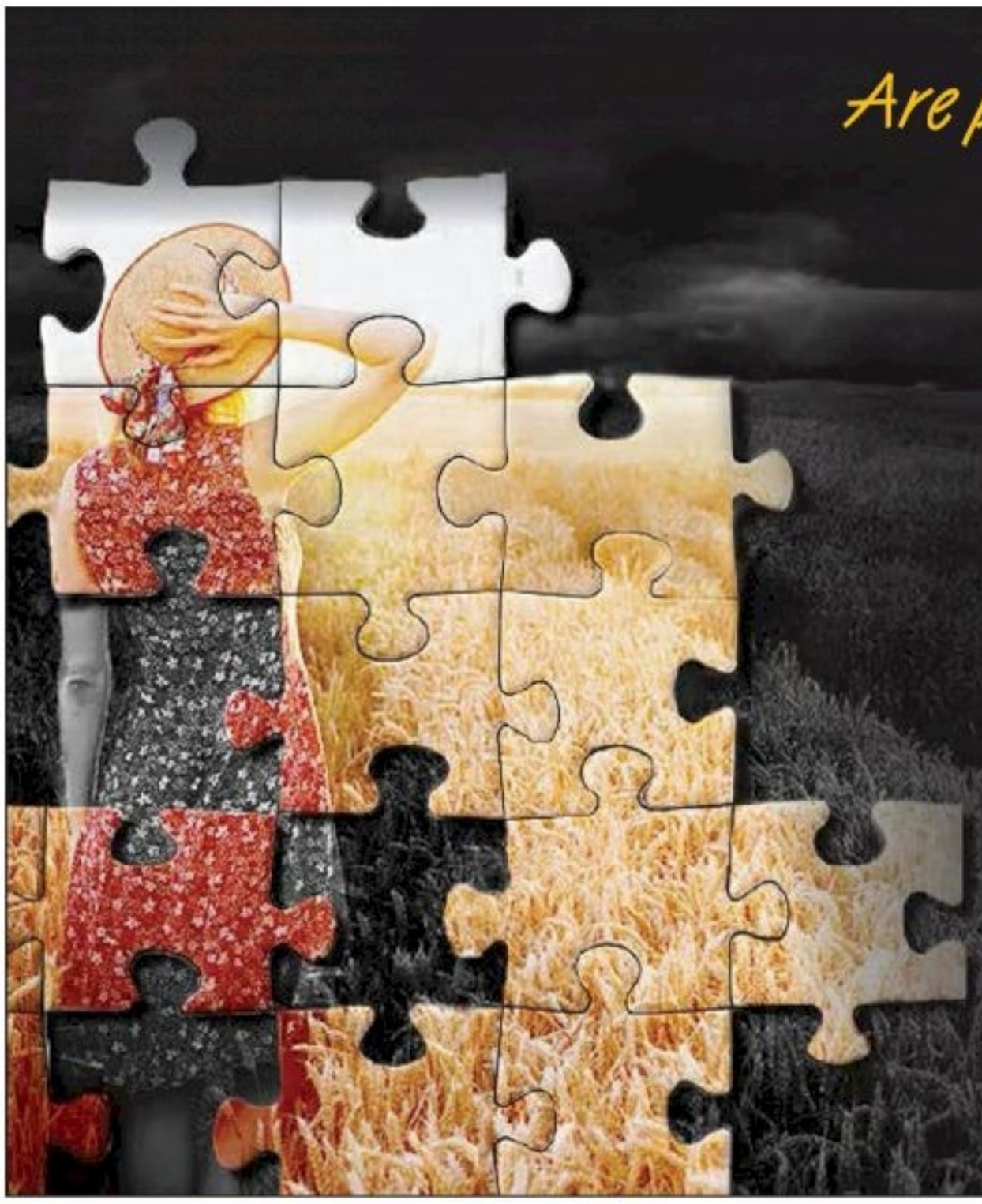

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